

TF Vector Control (Harvey) Summary September 10, 2017 (1:00 PM CDT)

Current Members:

TX Department of State Health Services
TX Department of Agriculture
ESF 8/Health and Human Services/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
FEMA- Emergency Services
FEMA -Public Assistance
FEMA- Environmental Historical Preservation
FEMA External Affairs
FEMA Ops
Department of Defense/910th Airlift Wing
EPA
US Fish and Wildlife
US Department of Agriculture

Current Situation:

Texas requested federal support for Vector Control (mosquito). Current requirements have exceeded local and state capabilities. FEMA is coordinating federal vector control support in coordination with Texas Department of State Health Services (TX DSHS). Dr. Whitney Qualls, Medical Entomologist, TX DSHS is the Project Coordinator for vector control.

TX DSHS continues to determine local jurisdiction needs and capacity. Local jurisdictions with current plans and capacity will conduct activities themselves. The remainder of affected counties will be supported by TX DSHS contract with Clarke Mosquito, Inc. (Clarke), and Vector Disease Control International (VDCI), and Department of Defense (DoD) aerial assets.

TX DSHS continues to receive State of Texas Assistance Requests (STAR) from affected counties for mosquito aerial spray support (Attachment A).

TX DSHS updated its mosquito spray mission maps on September 9, 2017 (Attachment B and C). As additional needs are identified through STARs, TXDSHS will coordinate with DoD to update maps.

TX DSHS's contractor, Clarke conducted spray operations in Nueces county during the evening hours of September 9, 2017. Clarke is scheduled to conduct spray operations in Aransas, San Patricio, Kleberg, Jackson, Dewitt, and Lavaca counties during the evening hours of September 10, 2017.

The 910th Airlift Wing with one maintenance aircraft, two modular aerial spray system (MASS) aircraft, one back-up MASS aircraft, and crew are currently based out of Kelly Field Annex, San Antonio, Texas. One MASS aircraft sprayed a total of 540 gallons of Dibrom Concentrate

(Naled), EPA Registration Number 5481-480, during the evening of September 9, 2017, over the northern portion of Orange County (Attachment D). Mission is scheduled to continue the evening of September 10, 2017 with two MASS aircraft in Chambers, Jefferson, and Orange counties.

FEMA Emergency Services purchased 800, 30 gallon barrels of Naled, of which 176 barrels were delivered to Kelly Field Annex, San Antonio, Texas on September 9, 2017. The contractor will continue to deliver 51 barrels of product per day for the next 14-days.

FEMA and DoD are coordinating disposition requirements for empty pesticide containers and unused product (return to producer preferred).

FEMA is coordinating with USDA, HQ for a blanket written statement to Certified Organic Farmers that may be affected by aerial spray operations. USDA provided verbal messaging during a joint teleconference between FEMA, TX DSHS and USDA yesterday at 5:00 pm, September 9, 2017. Subject of statement will be provided at next report. TX DSHS is concerned that some counties will elect to not be aerial sprayed.

FEMA external affairs and DoD PIO are coordinating closely with TX DSHS media affairs on messaging for DoD aerial spray mission. Most current press release attached (Attachment E).

Dr. Whitney Qualls (whitney.qualls@dshs.texas.gov), TX DSHS, State Coordinator will circulate all public messaging, product data, and processes centrally through the State.

Tasks: None

Next TF Vector Control (Harvey) Teleconference: 4:00pm CDT September 9, 2017